

## HOUSE BILL NO. 306

INTRODUCED BY BALYEAT, ANDERSEN, BLACK, BOOKOUT-REINICKE, D. BROWN, BRUEGGEMAN,  
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 MOOD, ROBERTS, ROME, SCHRUMPF, SHEA, SHOCKLEY, SPRAGUE, TROPILA, WAGMAN, WHEAT,  
 WITT, LAKE, WEISS, PERRY, SINRUD, SALES, BITNEY

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN  
 AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IX OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION RECOGNIZING AND PRESERVING THE  
 HERITAGE OF MONTANA ~~CITIZENS~~ CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO HARVEST WILD FISH AND WILD GAME  
 ANIMALS ~~AND REQUIRING THE STATE TO MANAGE PUBLICLY OWNED FISH AND WILDLIFE TO~~  
 PRESERVE OPPORTUNITIES TO HARVEST WILD FISH AND WILD GAME ANIMALS; AND PROVIDING AN  
 IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. **Section 1.** Article IX of The Constitution of the State of Montana is amended by  
 adding a new section 6 that reads:

**Section 6. Preservation of harvest heritage.** ~~(1)~~ The OPPORTUNITY TO harvest of wild fish and wild  
 game animals is a heritage that shall forever be preserved to the individual citizens of the state; AND does not  
 create a right to ~~unauthorized~~ trespass on private property or diminution of other private rights; ~~and, for state~~  
~~residents, may be abridged only by general regulation necessary to further a compelling state interest.~~

~~—————(2) The state shall manage publicly owned fish and wildlife to preserve opportunities for the harvest of  
 wild fish and wild game animals by the citizens of the state.~~

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** This amendment is effective upon approval by the  
 electorate.

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Submission to electorate.** This amendment shall be submitted to the  
 qualified electors of Montana at the general election to be held in November 2004 by printing on the ballot the

